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The Calvin Ball Bulletin

A bulletin to keep you and your neighbors informed of current news and happenings in our community. If you do not get this bulletin directly, feel free to email me at cball@howardcountymd.gov and I will be sure to get you on the list.

For more District 2 News go to our website at:
www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_DistrictTwo.htm

We Want To Hear From You!

The link below will navigate you to a list of meetings open to the public. If you have specific questions please call the contact number listed for that meeting.

http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG_Portal_PublicMeetings.htm

Homeowners Tax Credit and Renters Tax Credit Applications- Now Available!

The 2007 Homeowners Tax Credit and Renters Tax Credit applications are available at:

<http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html>

There is no charge to apply and nothing to lose by doing so.

Fiscal Year 2008- Capital Budget Projects for District 2

The FY 2008 budget process has come to a conclusion. This was the first budget for the new Council and the new Executive. Though it was a \$1.3 billion budget, I wanted to highlight a few projects in and around District 2 that may affect your lives.

B3856- Old Montgomery Road Bridge

A project for the design and construction of a replacement structure and approach for the Old Montgomery Road Bridge over Deep Run. A new structure will be wider to meet required County standards. During FY 2008 this project is scheduled for design and land acquisition. The project is scheduled for completion in FY 2010.

D1155- Lincoln Drive at Cedar Villa Park Drainage

A project to eliminate the freezing of runoff on Lincoln Drive and Cedar Avenue. There is an inadequate drainage system to carry the runoff from the park side of the road to the outfall side of the road. During FY 2008 this project is scheduled for design and land acquisition. This project is scheduled for completion in FY 2010.

E0943- Howard High Addition/Renovation

This final renovation project scheduled in June 2006 is currently in its final phase. Additional classroom space for 169 seats above existing capacity (Grades 9-12) and partial renovation of the existing school is set for completion by December 2007.

E0994- Roofing Program

Scheduled roof replacement of Talbott Springs Elementary is scheduled for this summer 2007. Because of building age and environmental conditions, scheduled roof replacements must be completed to protect the investment that has been made in many facilities.

F5967- Ellicott City/Columbia Fire Station

This project is required to provide a new, strategically located, fire station to provide improved fire rescue services in this area. Growth pattern changes, as well as the present and projected increased demands on the existing fire station have dictated this need. This project was recommended in the Fire and Rescue Facilities Study completed in FY 2004. During FY 2008 this project will undergo the design phase. The project is scheduled for completion by FY 2010.

J4128- Montgomery Road Safety Improvements

This project is for the improvement of approximately 1,000 feet of Montgomery Road west of Landing Road to urban minor arterial standards. This project has been justified by current insufficient sight

distance for safe access from Deer Ridge Road- formerly Ducketts Lane) necessitates the removal of a crest vertical west of Landing Road. Vicinity growth, new school construction and new water main construction justify the comprehensive improvement of this roadway segment in accordance with the General Plan. This project will be under study during Fiscal Year 2008.

J4136- Marshalee Drive Improvements

This project is to fund the County's share of the design and construction of Marshalee Drive to a minor arterial standard from relocated Montgomery Road (near MD 103) to Montgomery Road (near Marshalee Woods) including the intersection with existing Montgomery Road. This project will be undergoing construction during this fiscal year 2007. The project is scheduled to be completed by FY 2010.

J4147- Montevideo Road Improvements

This project is for the design and construction of various modifications to correct sight distance safety problems at the intersection of Montevideo road and US 1 by lowering the crest vertical curve on Montevideo Road. This project is undergo the design and land acquisition phase during FY 2008.

J4195- Montgomery Road Improvements

A project to improve a portion of Montgomery Road between Marshalee Drive and US 1. This project is to remedy the increase in traffic to the pre-MD 100 volume which will result in congestion within the next several years. The first phase of this project will begin in FY 2011 which will study the needed design improvements.

K5035- School Route Pathways or Sidewalks

This project is for the installation of sidewalks and/or pathways to provide for improved routes for school children. This project has been coordinated with the Public School System and has been scheduled since 1999. Projects completed are: Old Waterloo Road, Aladdin Drive, Vollmerhausen Road, Pathway to Mt. Hebron HS, Pathway between Furrow and Mist Haven, St Johns Lane, and Corporate Court.

K5036- Routine Sidewalk/Walkway Extensions

A project scheduled in 1998 to design and construct routine sidewalk and walkway extensions under 1,000 feet in length. Projects were initiated by public request or where a need is created by development or to connect existing sidewalks. Construction complete: Montgomery Road, Ridge Road, Harmony Lane/King's Grant Pathway, Madison Ave., Font Hill Drive, Rivendell, Whitworth Way, Executive Park Drive, St. John's Lane and Springfield Drive.

K5045- Snowden River Parkway Sidewalks

This project scheduled in FY 2007 is for sidewalk construction along Snowden River Parkway from the Park and Ride to MD 108 Commercial Entrance and connections to residential neighborhoods. Installation of sidewalks will provide pedestrian transportation and access to the Park & Ride lot, Long Reach High School, and the Columbia Crossing Shopping Centers. This project was requested by citizens and the Public School System. The project status is as follows: 1.Pathway on the eastside of Snowden River Parkway from Dried Earth Blvd. to Good Hunters Ride (complete) 2.Sidewalk on the west side from 8600 Snowden River Parkway to Expo Commercial entrance (complete). 3. Pathway/Sidewalk on east side from Tamar Drive to MD108 Commercial Entrance (under design). 4. Sidewalk extensions w/bus stop pad on Deep Earth (under design).

K5048- Columbia 100 Parkway Area Sidewalk

A project for the design and construction of approximately 4,000 LF of sidewalks to connect residential communities along Columbia 100 Parkway to restaurant/shopping areas and Howard High School. Citizens have requested a walkway so that they will not have to walk in the vehicular travel lanes of roadways. This project will begin construction in FY 2008 and is scheduled for completion by FY 2010.

K5055- Port Capital Sidewalks

A project for the construction of sidewalk along Port Capital Drive from US 1 to new Colony Blvd. The homeowners at New Colony Village have requested that lighting and sidewalks be installed along Port Capital Drive so pedestrians may safely access US 1. Design and construction this project will begin in FY 2008 and completed by the FY 2010.

K5057- Robert Fulton Sidewalks

A project to construct sidewalk along Robert Fulton Drive from Solar Walk Way to Columbia Gateway Drive. Citizens have requested the walkway to avoid sharing roadway motorized vehicles. This project was requested by the Snowden River Park Community. Construction will begin in FY 2008 and come to a close by FY 2010.

N3102- Blandair Regional Park

A project to master plan, design and construct a 298 acre regional park, and restore the 19th century Blandair Mansion and out buildings located off MD 175 in Columbia. During FY 2008 this project will continue the restoration of Blandair Mansion and Outbuildings, as well as, design the future park and construct utilities.

N3105- Meadowbrook Park

This project is to master plan, design, and develop a 77 acre park located southeast of MD 100/ US 29. Facilities have been determined by the master plan and citizen input. During FY 2008 this request will address an updated engineer's estimate on the indoor recreation facility, a storage building for sports equipment, a sun shelter at the playground and a traffic counter.

N3109- Park Resurfacing Program

A project to fund roadway, pathway, parking lot, playground and game court resurfacing, replacement and additions within the County's park system. Improvements may include speed humps, chokers, or other traffic calming. Scheduled projects in District 2 include: Resurfacing courts Cedar Villa Heights, Mayfield and Lisbon Parks. Spinal Pathway resurfacing and paths at Oakland Mills, Cedar Villa, and Stevens Forest. This project will continue through FY 2009.

In addition, this FY 2008 request includes a Federal Transportation Enhancement Act Grant for the Oakland Mills Pathway.

For additional information on the following capital projects, please click here

http://www.co.ho.md.us/DOA/DOApdfs/FY08CapitalPropSummary_Apr1.pdf

Boards and Commissions Vacancies

Persons interested in applying for a Board or Commission are invited to view the following link

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/PortalServices/HC_BoardsandCommissions.htm

BRAC- Get Involved!

The Howard County BRAC Task Force is has now moved to into phase II of its work. Phase II will focus on the impact of overall Fort Meade growth on 6 specific areas in Howard County. They are: Work Force Development, Transportation, Education, Infrastructure, Work Force Housing and Health and Human Services. Residents and business persons of Howard County are invited to participate in the work of the Task Force during this phase. If you are interested, please contact the Executive Director of the HC BRAC Office at kmenser@howardcountymd.gov

The next Howard County BRAC Task Force Meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 13, 2007** from **3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** This meeting will be held in the **Golf Clubhouse on Fort Meade** and both the Howard County Executive and the Fort Meade Commander will participate in the proceedings.

For more information on BRAC please visit http://www.co.ho.md.us/HCG_ExecutiveBRAC.htm

Mandatory Water Restrictions

Director of Public Works Jim Irvin today announced that repairs to a major water delivery main in Baltimore County are not yet complete, and it will be necessary for Howard County to put a mandatory outdoor water ban into effect beginning Friday, May 18.

The Baltimore County water main delivers a significant amount of drinking water to Howard County. Loss of this key water supply continues to reduce Howard County's ability to meet the additional demand outdoor water use places on the system during warm summer months. In addition, outdoor water restrictions ensure that adequate water supply and pressure are available for basic customer service,

especially emergency fire protection. Residents with PRIVATE WELLS ARE NOT AFFECTED by these mandatory restrictions.

The outdoor ban will be in effect all day on holidays and weekends beginning at 6 p.m. on Fridays and continuing until midnight on Sundays.

THESE RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO ALL RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL WATER USERS CONNECTED TO THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM.

During restricted days and hours **YOU MAY NOT ...**

- Water lawns
- Wash paved or outdoor surfaces and structures such as streets, roads, sidewalks, driveways, decks, patios, parking areas, tennis courts or vehicles
- Use sprinklers and other automatic watering devices for purposes of irrigation and watering of gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs, and other outdoor plants
- Use water for any non-recycling ornamental purposes such as outdoor waterfalls, misting machines and reflective pools
- Use power washers
- Use water for non-commercial washing or cleaning of mobile equipment including automobiles, trucks, trailers and boats
- Fill or top off swimming pools, unless newly constructed or repaired

During Restricted time **YOU MAY ...**

- Water your garden and house plants or shrubs with buckets, watering cans or a hand-held hose with automatic shutoff type nozzle
- Have your car washed at a commercial car wash

Representatives of the Department of Public Works will enforce these mandatory water use restrictions. Penalties for violating outdoor water restrictions may result in termination of service. The restrictions apply to approximately 66,000 customer accounts in the eastern half of the county.

For more information on water use restrictions, residents may call the Howard County Water Restriction Information Line at (410)313-4949 or the Bureau of Utilities at (410)313-4900

Pardon Our Dust!

You may have seen or may see some road work in your neighborhood. Howard County Bureau of Highways paving contractors will continue road maintenance in Howard County on the following streets. Additional information is provided below describing the details of such projects.

Concrete Repairs

Crisscross Court
Dried Earth Blvd.
Granite Knoll
Hayshed Lane
Long Meadow Court
Pinecone Row
Saddle Drive
Saddlebag Row
Sanctuary Court
Sohap Lane
Wandering Way
Youngbuck Circle

Milling

High Tor Hill

Paving

Besthold Garth
Drystraw Drive

Log House Court
Margrave Mews
Old Buggy Court
Pine Bottom Lane
Tidesebb Court
Youngsea Place

Concrete Repairs- Replacing either the sidewalk, curb gutter, or making a curb out. This work is done only at a location where a work order was received.

Deep Patching/Paving- The removal of severely cracked existing pavement and replacement with new asphalt pavement- typically 2-3” in depth. This would be completed prior to resurfacing of roads.

Millings- The removal of existing asphalt at intersections, driveways, structures and concrete curbs (typically 1-2” in depth). This provides the proper transition of new asphalt pavement with the existing

Paving- The complete coverage of an existing street with new asphalt pavement- typically 1-2” in depth.

Dorsey Run Road Extension Construction Scheduled to Begin

Howard County will begin the segmental construction of Dorsey Run Road from MD Route 175 to MD Route 103, near the intersection of MD Route 103 and U.S. Route 1. Construction is scheduled to begin during the month of May and last about nine months, weather permitting.

Construction will begin at MD Route 175 with a modified traffic signal and reconfigured intersection, and continue north for a distance of 2,800 feet to connect to existing Dorsey Run Road. Old Jessup Road, east of the project, will be realigned and connect directly to Dorsey Run Road; Old Jessup Road, west of the project, will maintain access directly with MD Route 175 with no connection to Dorsey Run Road.

Traffic on Old Jessup Road and MD 175 will be maintained at all times during construction. Detours will be established, with advanced notice, to accommodate the relocation of Old Jessup Road as warranted.

For questions or concerns about Capital Project J-4148, Dorsey Run Road Extension, contact Susan Schubel, Public Works Customer Service, at 410-313-3440 or by e-mail to publicworks@howardcountymd.gov.

Howard County Department of Housing and Community Development is Announcing its Second Lottery

The Commission's first housing lottery will take place on **Saturday, June 2** at the "Come Home to Howard County" Housing Fair at Oakland Mills High School. That lottery will be for a home at 9518 Pamplona Road in Columbia for the substantially-reduced price of \$200,000.

The Howard County Housing Commission has scheduled a second lottery for pre-qualified, moderate income prospective homebuyers on Wednesday, **June 6 at 10 a.m.**, in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building in Ellicott City. The June 6 lottery will be for the opportunity to purchase a co-ownership for \$140,000 in one of two new 3-bedroom town homes recently purchased by the Commission and valued at \$432,000. The new town homes are located in the Cherry Tree subdivision of North Laurel. Application deadline is **Tuesday, May 29**.

Potential homebuyers who wish to be eligible for either the **June 2 or June 6** lottery drawings must first pre-qualify by submitting a Shared Equity application form available at: www.comehometohowardcounty.org or by calling Howard County Housing at **410-313-6318**. Factors considered for eligibility include: income, assets, and household size.

Homebuyers, who have already submitted an application for the Pamplona Road house lottery and would also like to be included in the lottery for the town homes, must call the Housing office by May 29 to notify them of that interest. For more information about the lotteries and these properties, visit the website and click on “Come Home to Howard County,” or call the department at **410-313-6318**.

A special thanks and recognition goes out to the members of the Oakland Mills Revitalization Housing Action Committee for their volunteerism and dedication to the Oakland Mills Community and their work on the 9518 Pamplona Road Model Home.

Vendors Wanted for Howard County Housing Fair

Howard County’s Department of Housing & Community Development will host the first-ever “Come Home to Howard County” Housing Fair **on Saturday, June 2** at Oakland Mills High School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair targets individuals and families who want information on home ownership or rental opportunities, mortgage financing, and the programs and services that make Howard County such a great place to “come home to.” The event is free and open to the public.

The Housing Fair will also be the site of a lottery drawing where an individual or family present at the event and who has pre-qualified, will have an opportunity to purchase a home for the substantially-reduced price of \$200,000. The home, located at 9518 Pamplona Road in the Village of Oakland Mills in Columbia, is appraised at \$475,000 and available to preview both before the Housing Fair and on the day of the event. Interested parties can obtain applications online at www.comehometohowardcounty.org or from the Housing Office at 410-313-6318.

In addition, the Fair will sponsor a series of educational workshops and hands-on seminars for home buyers, and there will be giveaways throughout the day.

Vendor and exhibit spaces for this inaugural event are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and there are also sponsorship

opportunities available. To learn how you can sponsor this event or participate as an exhibitor, **contact Chris Julien at 410-313-6343** or by e-mail at **cjulien@howardcountymd.gov**

PTA Council Seeks Nominations

The PTA Council of Howard County is accepting nominations of members to serve in executive positions for the 2007-2008 school year. Nominations are invited for president; executive vice president; vice president of issues; vice president of operations; treasurer; recording secretary and corresponding secretary. Nominees must be local PTA members who have served for at least a year on a local PTA executive board.

For more information or to submit a nomination: 410-740-5153, or ptachc@erols.com.

Sign Up For the “Greenovation”: Intro. To Green Roofs!

On **Saturday, June 2**, the Green Building Institute is sponsoring an introductory class on **How to be Green**. The seminar will cover the following modules:

- Efficient and Healthy Buildings
- Solar Hot Water for Your Home
- Rainwater Collection for Garden Use
- Solar Electric For Your Home

The seminar will be held at the Green Building Institute in The Enviro-Center at 7761 Waterloo Road) (Rte. 175), Jessup, Maryland 20794. Registration check-in is from 8:30 a.m. -9:15 a.m. The seminar modules will begin at 9:15 am and end at 4:15 p.m. Lunch will be included.

For more information and registration please visit **www.greenbuildinginstitute.org** or you may call the institute at **443-733-1234**.

Smart Growth Forum with Four Key Secretaries

Learn how their agencies are planning to deal with the pressures of growth in our state. Please join 1000 Friends of Maryland for an important conversation with:

- Secretary John Colmers Department of Health and Mental Hegieene
- Secretary David Edgerley Department of Business and Economic Development
- Secretary Roger Richardson Department of Agriculture
- Secretary Raymond Skinner Department of Housing and Community Development

Following their presentation will be a moderated discussion.

The forum will be held on **June 13th, from 4:00-6:00pm** at the **Baltimore Rowing and Water Resource Center (Baltimore Boathouse):**

3301 Waterview Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

For more information contact: Chris Sewell at: 410.385.2910

Cost: \$25 per person

There is limited seating. Please RSVP by:
Sending a check to our office address:

1000 Friends of Maryland
1209 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Howard County Job Fair June 4, 2007!

The Howard County Chamber of Commerce and the Howard County Human Resources Society present a Howard County Job Fair on Thursday, June 4, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Turf Valley Resort. Speak with prospective employees from Howard County, Baltimore County, Baltimore City, Anne Arundel County, Prince George's County, and Montgomery County communities.

To reserve your booth, or sign up as a sponsor today call 410-730-4111.

Supper at Six: An Evening with Julia Glass

Meet noted author Julia Glass, 2002 National Book Award winner for *Three Junes*, and enjoy dinner at the historic ElkrIDGE Furnace Inn, 5745 Furnace Avenue, on **Thursday, June 7, at 6:00 pm**. Glass will discuss the writing life and her second novel, *The Whole World Over*.

In addition to the National Book Award, Glass's honors include a National Endowment for the Arts Literature Fellowship, a New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship, three Nelson Algren Fiction Awards, and the Tobias Wolff Award. She lives in Massachusetts with her partner, photographer Dennis Cowley, and their two children.

Books available for purchase and signing, in partnership with Super Book Deals. Reservations are \$45 for Friends of Howard County Library, with a limit of two discount reservations per member, and \$50 for the general public. Tables of ten available for \$450.

Reservations available online or by calling 410.313.7750.

Howard County Conservancy Offers Summer Nature Camp

The Howard County Conservancy at Mt. Pleasant is a 232 acre nature preserve, located in Woodstock, Maryland, just 20 minutes from Columbia. Camps will be held outdoors and in the Conservancy's new Gudelsky Environmental Education Center.

The Nature Camps are designed to inspire an appreciation and respect for the natural world, to increase awareness of environmental, and to instill a sense of stewardship. Each week campers will explore the farm, play nature games, create earth friendly arts and crafts, express their creativity in a journal and help restore Mt. Pleasant by participating in a stewardship project!

Summer Camp will begin June 25th to August 17th, in one week programs, for children aged 5 – 11. Camps run from 9 am – 3:30pm, weekdays. Extended day options are available for additional cost.

Cost: \$250 per session.

For additional information you may contact Martha Moore at **410-465-8877** or martha.moore@hcconservancy.org

Howard County Library Presents "This Is Your Life"

Howard County Library invites you to tell your personal history or help collect the shared memory of our county. The This is Your Life project will allow Howard County residents, ages 50+, to celebrate their experiences through recording oral history, writing memoirs, investigating genealogy, and turning life into art with scrapbooks. For more information on the **"This is Your Life"** project, call **410.313.7750** or visit www.hclibrary.org . If you are interested in being interviewed or in being trained to conduct an interview, call **410.313.7766** or **410.313.7763**.

Cosponsored by the Howard County Office on Aging, The Columbia Archives, The Howard County Historical Society, Vantage House, and American Literary Press

CA to Offer Before and After Care for Selected Howard County Summer School Programs

The Columbia Association's School Age Services (SAS) program will provide before and after school child care for selected Howard County Summer School programs. Child care is available for children between the ages of 5 and 14 at Cradlerock School, Clemens Crossing Elementary School and Hammond High School (for BSAP Elementary Summer Learning Camp).

The program will operate each day of the summer school program from 7am until the beginning of class and from the end of each class day until 6pm. Registration forms are available at the HCPSS offices,

individual schools and the Columbia Association Headquarters building.

For additional information, please call **410-715-3116** or send an e-mail to bunny.egerton@columbiaassociation.com .

Financial Assistance Available for Summer Pool Memberships at CA

Financial Assistance for summer pool memberships at CA's outdoor pools is available through the Columbia Foundation for individuals and families who qualify. Beginning in 2006, The Columbia Foundation partnered with the family of the late Ann Scherr and established the Ann Scherr Fund, offering grants for summer pool memberships to assist income qualified individuals and families in paying the already-reduced rates offered by the Columbia Association.

For more information on the Ann Scherr Fund at the Columbia Foundation and how to apply for a membership, please contact the Columbia Association Membership Service Center at **410.730.1801**.

NEIGHBOR RIDE- Looking for Spanish and Korean Speaking Volunteers!

Neighbor Ride, a volunteer-based supplemental transportation program, helps residents age 60 and over maintain a good quality of life by providing friendly and reliable door-to-door transportation for medical appointments, religious services, educational pursuits, recreational and social events, exercise classes, and other day-to-day activities.

* Neighbor Ride is looking for Spanish and Korean speaking volunteers to become drivers who can converse with bi-lingual riders.

For more information and to register for a volunteer orientation, contact Jessica Sleight at 410-884-RIDE, volunteer@neighborride.org or visit their website at <http://www.neighborride.org/>

